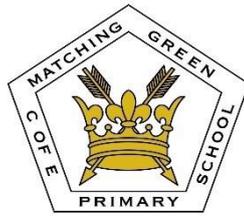


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Value of the Month

For the month of February we will be looking at the value of love. The children will learn about what the bible says about love and how God shows his love to us. Children will wonder whether love is a verb or a noun and how they show love to others and how others show love to them. We will also think about how love is shown in our families by looking at the picture books 'The Family Book by Mary Hoffman', 'And Tango Makes Three By Justin Richardson ' and 'Mommy, Mama and Me' by Leslea Newman.

Parent Survey

Every academic year we seek the opinions of parents/carers. We have delayed this a little later in the academic year to allow Reception (Potter Class) parents to have a greater understanding of our school and therefore in a better place to contribute. Please find a link to our parent survey: <https://forms.gle/UZhny2JCp9caVGTP6> . The closing date for this survey is the 16th February 2024.



Swimming for Year 3 Darwin Class

Darwin will be starting their swimming lessons **Thursday 15th February** for 5 weeks at 13.15-14.15, they will travel on minibuses to and from Ongar Leisure Centre. The last session being on 21st March. Please look out for a separate letter that will be sent with further information. If you haven't given consent or made payment please can this be done as soon as possible on your school money account.

Internet Safety Day

Today is Internet Safety Day and in school we will mark this occasion by celebrating and learning around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. In Collective Worship from today and for the rest of the week children will be looking at fairy tales that spread the message of being safe online by listening to 'Goldilocks a cautionary tale' 'Chicken Clicking' and 'Troll Stinks' all written by Jeanne Willis.

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The online world is forever changing and often we find that the children themselves know more than us. This doesn't put us in the best place to keep them safe, so it is important that as adults we remain informed. Parent Zone have designed some great online resources for parents to help them navigate the digital world. <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/parenting-digital-age>

Online Safety...Did you know?

Popular Platforms most used by under-18s were...

You Tube 88%, WhatsApp 55%, TikTok 53%,
Snapchat 46% and Instagram 41%

Find out more on the attached guide.



Chinese New Year

There are **3 places available** this Friday 9th February at Midday for the Chinese New Year. Parents are invited to join us we will be serving sweet and sour chicken, with rice, a spring roll and prawn crackers. As previously in our last newsletter you will only be able to attend one event lunch this year (with the exception of Mother's day and Father's day). Lunch is £3.50 which can be paid in cash to the School Office before the day. Bookings will be open this Friday 2nd February from 9am please email the School Office, any emails sent before this time will not be considered.

NHS: Is my Child too Ill for School?

Please follow this link for information about illnesses and whether or not your child can come to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

75 Club

Are you interested in joining? A number is £2.50 per month and you are in with a chance to win £30, £15 or £10. All funds raised go to the Friends of Matching Green who are then able to help fund trips, visiting theatre productions and resources for your children. Anyone can sign up for a number; grandparents, family, friends or neighbours. Please contact the School Office if you wish to sign up for a number.

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

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New dates will be highlighted in yellow.



Weds	7 th	Feb	Chinese Dance and Plate painting workshop	Whole School
Fri	9 th	Feb	Darwin Class Assembly	All Darwin parents invited 9am start
Fri	9 th	Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch	Whole School, with 8 parents
Fri	9 th	Feb	PTA Quiz Night	All parents/carers invited 7pm start
Fri	16 th	Feb	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	19 th	Feb	Half Term	Whole School
Return to school Monday 26th February 2024				
Mon	26 th	Feb	Year 6 SATS parents meeting	@ 3pm Year 6 parents only
Wed	28 th	Feb	Stansted Aerozone Trip	Potter Class only
Mon	4 th	Mar	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tues	5 th	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Tues	5 th	Mar	West End in Schools Workshop	All children
Weds	6 th	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Thurs	7 th	Mar	World Book Day	Whole School
Fri	8 th	Mar	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Tues	12 th	Mar	KS1 Mother's Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Ladies
Weds	13 th	Mar	KS2 Mother's Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Ladies
Thurs	14 th	Mar	Class Photos	Whole School
Wed	20 th	Mar	Colchester Zoo Trip	Nightingale Class
Mon	25 th	Mar	Parents Evening	5pm-7pm
Tues	26 th	Mar	Lego Workshop	Darwin and Nightingale Class
Weds	27 th	Mar	Parents Evening	3:30pm-5:30pm
Thurs	28 th	Mar	Easter Enrichment Day	Whole School
Easter Holidays Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April				
Mon	15 th	Apr	Back to School	Whole School

INSET Days

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Monday 4th March 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024



Potter Class @potter.class

Nightingale Class @nightingale.class

Darwin Class @charlesdarwin.class

Shakespeare Class @shakespeare.class

PTA @matchinggreenschoolpta.

After School Clubs Page

SCS – Football and Gymnastics

Monday - football and Thursday - gymnastics. They will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm. These clubs are open for all children from Year 2-6. To book and make payment for these clubs please follow the links.

Monday Football <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/109>

Thursday Gymnastics <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/108>

If you have any questions then please make contact with the company directly.

Please can children be in appropriate clothes for the sport they are taking part in. If your child is taking part in football they need football boots and shin pads.

Spanish Club

Runs on a Wednesday. Please see the poster at the front of the school for further information.

Piano Lessons

Mrs Ramsey has some lesson spaces available. If you wish for your child to take part in piano lessons, then please make contact with her. Her details can be found on this link: <https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/piano-lessons/>